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FM AMEMBASSY DJIBOUTI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 214

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA PRIORITY

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AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY

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USMISSION USUN PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY SANA PRIORITY

COMIDEASTFOR PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L DJIBOUTI 0323

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PDEV, PDIP, ET, SO, SA

SUBJECT: NEW FRONT TO OPEN IN ETHIOPIA

1. RELIABLE INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN DJIBOUTI INDICATES THAT FOLLOWER  
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OF SULTAN ALI MIRAH WILL OPEN AGAIN MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE WOLLO  
PROVINCE IN VIEW OF INTERDICTING SUPPLIES FROM ASSAB. APPARENTLY,  
THE SONS OF ALI MIRAH, WHO REMAINS IN SAUDI ARABIA, HAVE OBTAINED  
MONEY FROM SOMALI GOVERNMENT TO PURCHASE WEAPONS AND SUPPLIES  
THROUGH ARMS MERCHANTS IN ADEN. AREA OF ASSAB - ADDIS HIGHWAY  
TO BE CUT CONSISTS OF SEGMENT BEGINNING AT BURIE ABOUT 50 KMS  
WEST OF ASSAB, WHERE ROAD CURVES SOUTH AND RUNS REOUGHLY PARALLEL  
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TO DJIBOUTI FRONTIER, TO DOHO, WHERE ROAD TURNS WEST AGAIN.  
ACCORDING TO INFORMANT, SOMALI FUNDING PROVIDED ORIGINALLY FROM  
SAUDI ARABIA.

2. SUCCESSFUL GUERILLA EFFORTS IN THIS AREA WOULD CUT ETHIOPIA'S  
LAST LAND ROUTE TO THE SEA. ACTIVITIES ARE CURRENTLY PLANNED FOR  
THE WEEK OF AUGUST 21-27.

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